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SUBJECT: POLITICAL IMPACT OF CRITICAL THIRD GAO REPORT ON
G.D./USAF/EPG F-16 BASIC CONTRACT

EMBASSY RECENTLY ADVISED BY CASEUR BRUSSELS THAT A POTENTIAL
POLITICALLY SENSITIVE "THIRD" GAO REPORT HAS BEEN RELEASED
TO EPG COUNTRIES THROUGH SENIOR NATIONAL REPS AT
F-16 SPO WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB. WE HAVE REVIEWED THE REPORT
PROVIDED THROUGH LOCAL F-16 PROJECT OFFICE AND RECOGNIZE
SERIOUSNESS OF THE CHARGES AND POSSIBLE IMPACT ON FORTH-
COMING NORWEGIAN ELECTIONS IN MID SEPTEMBER. STATEMENTS
CONTAINED IN THE REPORT IMPLY SERIOUS LACK OF DOCUMENTATION,
OVERPRICING AND DUPLICATION OF COSTS. THE IMPACT LEADS TO
POSSIBLE INCREASES IN PRICING OF THE AIRCRAFT, CONFIRMING
EPG VIEWS ON MISMANAGEMENT OF THE CONTRACT.
REQUEST GUIDANCE ON RESPONSES SINCE IT HAS BEEN REPORTED
THAT BELGIUM PRESS AND AVIATION WEEK HAVE BEEN MADE AWARE
OF "THIRD" GAO REPORT, RELEASED 2 DAYS AFTER SECOND REPORT
WAS PRESENTED TO CONGRESS.
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